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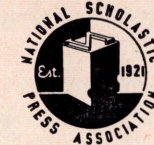
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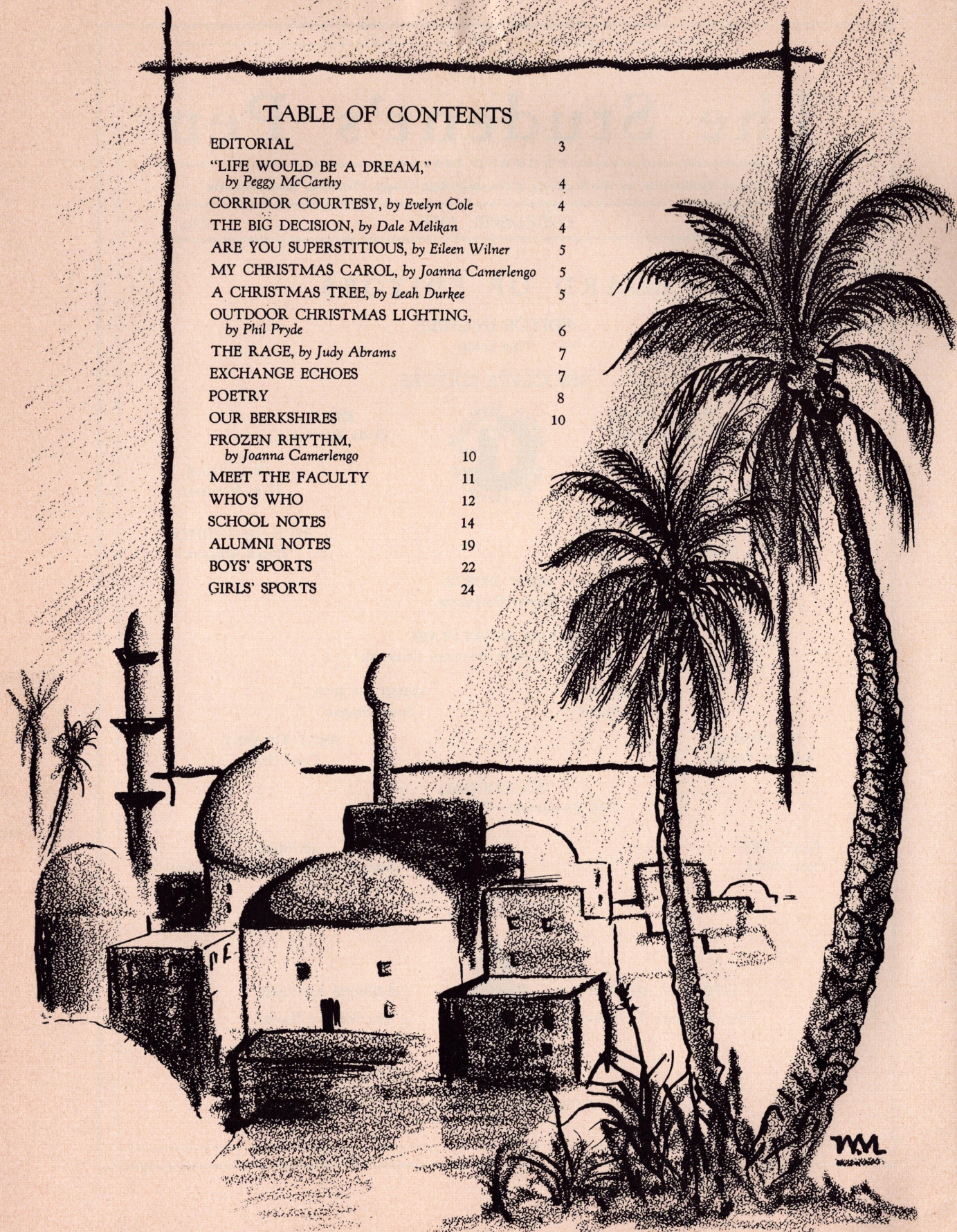


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## EDITORIAL

### It's the Loveliest Day of the Year

"WHAT has become of the old family Christmas—the modest, unpretentious gathering of the good old days?" nostalgic dreamers moan. Our peaceful world has suddenly exploded into an atomic age of jet-propulsion and super-modern living. With this transformation is it not only natural that many traditions of Christmas should change too?

Gone are the days when families hovered around the old Franklin stove or the blazing Yule log, with the side nearest the fire heated to the roasting point and the opposite side chilled to the bone. Today radiant heating keeps the whole apartment pleasantly hot and stuffy at a well-regulated 75 degrees.

Grandpa used to sew himself into his long winter underwear at the first wintry blast and remained thus until the song of the robin dared him to emerge from his scratchy cocoon. As for Grandma, gone are the layers and layers of heavy flannel petticoats and capes and sweaters. Her modern counterpart finds under the Christmas tree froth and fluff and stuff that dreams are made of.

Forever banished are the days when blankets of snow tucked each farmhouse in for the long winter nap. Children of a by-gone day went to sleep on Christmas Eve lulled by the tinkling of sleigh bells and the clop-clop of horses trotting down the road. Today scarcely has the snow alighted on the highways when monstrous snow-removing behemoths plow their way through any storm that dares to defy advancing progress. One need only hop into the car to find easy access to the throbbing shopping district. But there, swallowed in the throngs of Christmas shoppers, one feels the same pent-up exhilaration of joy bursting forth from every heart and rising in exultant praise of brotherhood and giving. The times are changed, the scenery is different, even the actors have been replaced, but strangely enough the emotions are the same.

Christmas used to center only around the church and home. Today it has become a community affair as well. Merchants and local Chambers of Commerce loosen their imaginations to brighten and enliven their towns. Families vie with each other to present the most original outdoor decorations. It has become a familiar custom for folks to tour the town to view the sights and thus find good excuse to stop in and renew old acquaintances. The little candles that so precariously lighted each tree are no more, but we need only look into the eyes of any child on Christmas morning to find them shining still, more brightly than ever.

With all the increased excitement the important things remain unchanged. Folks still love to sing the old familiar carols. Parties, holly, and mistletoe still play their parts. Let jets and rockets race through the stratosphere; the little child's belief in Santa Claus, the beloved symbol of Christmas cheer and giving, shall remain.

What has become of the old Christmas? It is still here, only dressed up in modern costume. The one thing that matters still endures. For now as in ages past, the bells ring out and the whole world kneels once more to adore the blessed Christ-Child, the Prince of Peace.



## "Life Would Be a Dream"

By Peggy MacCarthy, '56

LIFE would definitely be a dream if forty percent of it weren't wasted in silly, time-consuming "goofing off!" Have you ever stopped to think how many hours, minutes and seconds are wasted in school each day? If we didn't whittle away so much precious time chattering endlessly (between periods) half our homework could be completed. Talking is contagious. Soon we not only waste valuable minutes *before* class, but rudely insert little conversations *during* class. So we find that no homework is completed and little is remembered about just what did happen in class. We certainly don't recommend being a stoic, but with the use of common sense much lost time can be recovered.

Quite often we find ourselves going to the first floor from the second via the third to see a friend or friends. This little bit of nonsense is excellent for the waistline and the social life, but when we finally reach our class we're so tired out that we can hardly drag ourselves to the office for a "late slip," much less knuckle down to an hour of earnest study.

If we try being a little more level-headed about school and think of it as a place where we learn a lot and have a little fun, instead of having a lot of fun and learning little, our marks, reputations, and happiness will soar.

## Corridor Courtesy

By Evelyn Cole, '56

EXPLORERS in deepest Africa, soldiers on the field of battle, or a mountain climber attempting to scale Mt. Everest are only in slightly more danger than an innocent adventurer in P.H.S. It requires courage to walk down the halls of this wonderful, but discourteous, institution of education.

A traveler of these halls is leaving himself wide open to being shoved, pushed into the walls, elbowed, stepped on; and, should he dare stop to get a drink of water—Oh heavens, what a crime! He'll probably be stumbled over blindly by a half dozen

people. Some of these people do not even know their right side from their left and straggle all over the hall like a new kind of "Happy Wanderer."

Should a person by some chance of fortune progress safely through the halls and come to the stairs, the fire doors will inevitably be slammed in his face. After getting them open again, he will be packed in with the rest of the sardines on the stairs. For some reason it always seems that the people in front have all day and the ones behind are in a great rush to go someplace—to class, maybe?

Either the corridor courtesy at P.H.S. should be improved by the students themselves or else some sort of system should be devised to force people to behave like humans instead of wild animals.

## The Big Decision

By Dale Melikan, '56

WE are fast approaching the time of life when we will have to decide, or at least strongly indicate, our intentions for the future.

Many teenagers have no conception whatever of the importance of this situation, or of the possible results of a foolish decision. When, after having wandered around aimlessly for several years, they finally come face to face with the future, realization hits them like a ten-ton truck.

We feel that this problem is vital, not only to us as individuals, but to the nation itself, and that an understanding of the matter can come only from careful instruction and guidance. Although this guidance has been greatly stepped up in the past ten years, it is still lacking and is even extinct in some parts of the country.

In choosing a vocation, either directly or indirectly, several factors should be taken into consideration: Will I enjoy this type of work? Will the income be high enough to provide for my family as I want them to be provided for? How are the working conditions? Will this type of work keep me in one place, or will I be shuffled around the country?

These and many other questions should be looked into and the answers found. For in this way, by careful planning and intelligent deciding, we will undoubtedly provide ourselves with richer, fuller, more enjoyable lives.

## Are You Superstitious?

By Eileen Willner, '56

WHO'S superstitious? Not I, but several Pittsfield High students are. Now, before you cry out, "I am not!", did you ever—put a piece of wedding cake under your pillow? avoid the number thirteen? recount your friends when you heard a ringing in your ears? throw salt over your shoulder when you were so unfortunate as to have spilled some? If you have—you're superstitious.

Superstition has existed for centuries. Modern generations know that seven years of bad luck will not befall you if you break a mirror and that it's perfectly safe to cross the path of a black cat and to walk under a ladder. But many people do knock on wood, cross their fingers, and take a chance with numbers nine or three only.

A member of the fair sex shouldn't wear her ring on her left hand before it's the real thing. And don't worry if you drop a knife because that's a sure sign that a boy is going to telephone you or come calling.

Never wear anything inside out for that insures bad luck. And never look through a curtain before a performance if you want the show to be a hit. You'll do better to wear the bracelet or article of clothing that you wore when you had your luckiest day.

Don't worry if your hand itches, because you're going to receive money; but if your nose itches, you're going to kiss a fool. If you sneeze after saying something, throw away the lie detector; you told the truth!

The superstition that three on a match is bad luck originated during World War I when three soldiers kept a match lit too long, giving the enemy a perfect target.

Next spring try holding a buttercup or dandelion under someone's chin. The yellow that shows up means the person likes butter.

Don't ever open an umbrella in the house, or forget to check your horoscope, and always pick up pins—they guarantee good luck for a day.

Armed with my rabbit's foot, four-leaf clover, horse-shoe and unbreakable mirror, I leave you. Who's superstitious? Not I!

## MY CHRISTMAS CAROL

By Joanna Camerlengo, '55

Christmas comes, Christmas goes and, as everyone knows,  
That's when money does almost the same;  
People shop, people buy (though they oft wonder why)  
Till they haven't a cent to their name.

Many banks have a plan whereby every man  
Saves a year for the Christmas to come;  
One can start this account with 'most any amount—  
It does not matter greatly the sum.

Considering this, we feel we can't miss  
To spend money we've saved in the past;  
So we put some away for the next Christmas Day,  
Though we've not even paid for the last.

As the year passes on, although Christmas has gone,  
We still find it wherever we turn.  
Who are we that we say Christmas lasts but one day?  
You can see that we've still much to learn.

Through the winter and spring it's a troublesome thing  
And it lasts until late in the fall;  
Then we think it's behind and far out of our minds  
But discover that's not so at all.

By this time we can see that we obviously  
Are approaching a Yuletide again.  
So from winter through fall, we can truly wish all  
"Merry Christmas" with "Peace to all men."

## A CHRISTMAS TREE

By Leah Durkee, '56

A Christmas tree is a wonderful sight,  
I'm sure that you'll agree,  
Bedecked with candy canes and balls  
And lights that burn with glee.  
I love to see the tinsel,  
Sparkling by each light,  
And gaze up at the angel  
That's lighted every night.  
A Christmas tree's so tall and proud  
It sometimes seems to say,  
"Merry Christmas to all of you,  
And a Happy New Year's Day."



## Outdoor Christmas Lighting

By Phil Pryde, '55

WITH every new Christmas season comes an increasingly large number of spectacular outdoor lighting displays. Not too many years ago, colorful outside illumination at this season of the year was a new idea; but now various eye-catching displays can be seen glittering on trees and buildings, in parks, and down the main thoroughfare of almost any city or town throughout our country.

In recent years this idea has taken on a competitive nature. Residents on a particular street put out their best efforts to have the most colorful lawn decorations in their neighborhood. The merchants in a city's business district like to entertain their customers with something out of the ordinary at the Yuletide season. Even large business concerns will go to great expense to provide a lavish arrangement of light and color for the enjoyment of the whole community.

In Taunton, Mass., as the result of a joint effort by several groups, the Municipal Green at Christmas is transformed into a gigantic display consisting of 12,000 lamps placed in the hedges and shrubbery of the park, and on a forty-six foot Christmas tree. A luminous candle and candle-holder of about the same height as the tree, and a well-lighted Santa, sleigh, and reindeer combination add to the effect.

Farther west, in Kansas City, the Country Club Plaza is so decorated that it attracts 25,000 visitors nightly. 50,000 colored lamps outline the Spanish towers, balconies, and minarets which characterize these buildings that cover several blocks. Extra interest is added to the scene by the use of ten foot candles of corrugated metal, illuminated where the flame would be, and gaily colored Christmas trees placed on top of buildings and on street corners.

Many cities follow through with the idea of lighting their main street with one of the season's themes. The businessmen of one city, for instance, spend much money each year to acquire scores of twenty-seven foot, three-dimensional, metal Christmas trees gaily lighted and set about every hundred feet on both sides of the main street. In addition, wires containing illuminated bells, stars, and wreaths are strung across the street between the trees. It is probably one of the most spectacular street lighting displays in the country.

Many communities take advantage of pools or ponds in a park or along a main highway by placing brightly lighted trees on the shore opposite the most used side of the water. This gives an unusual effect due to the reflection in the water or on smooth ice.

But the largest sum of money by far is spent by individual home-owners in decorating their property. The number of ideas that can be devised to brighten the yard, porch, roof, or whole house is endless; but they all spring from just a few types of starting materials: spotlights, strings of colored lamps, metal or wood cutouts, and natural foliage.

The simplest type of design is to encircle shrubbery or small trees, or surround the corners and edges of the house, roof, or porch with strands of colored outdoor lights. The effect can be increased by playing one or more spotlights on a wooden Santa, sleigh, and reindeer group; wooden or metal letters spelling "Merry Christmas," "Season's Greetings," etc.; or any other type of design that catches your interest. These figures are frequently secured to the top of the roof and floodlights mounted on a board that can be nailed anywhere on the roof, as it will not show. An alternate method is to set the designs on the lawn and conceal the spotlights behind shrubbery.

Another simple but colorful arrangement is to surround a doorway, small porch, breezeway, or picture window with evergreen boughs in which are strung lengths of colored lights. If this setup is used around a picture window, placing the family Christmas tree in front of the window will add to the effect, while some artistic people even paint Christmas scenes on the window itself or on paper placed in the windows. When this is done it can be floodlighted from either the inside or outside.

An equally pleasing result can be created by substituting crinkled aluminum or tin foil for the evergreen boughs; or the foil can be placed behind shrubbery for added effect there.

By using a few of the ideas mentioned here and by using the main source of any novel idea—your imagination, you can add color and splendor to your own home this Christmas, as well as contribute a brilliant display for the enjoyment of the whole neighborhood.

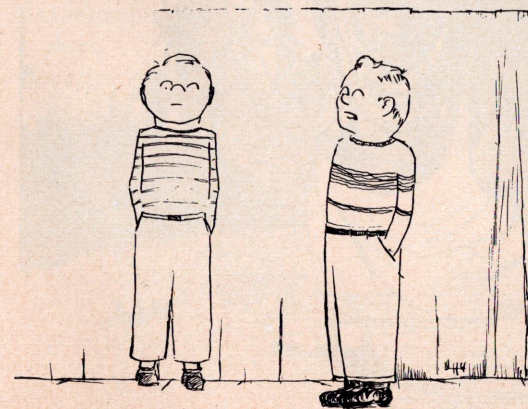
## The Rage

By Judy Abrams, '56

TODAY'S vivacious teen-ager is in reality a "crazy mixed-up kid." He sprouts slang whenever the situation presents itself (even when it does not!) and uses double negatives because he feels it sounds smart. Yet with all of his English idiosyncracies, the teen-ager usually pulls through with passing marks in English composition.

In case you have not met this "real gone character," he is easily recognized by the carefree expression he dons, his purple and white beanie at a cocky angle upon his cranium, and the stacks of books he carries to and from school. You can most easily recognize him, though, by his argot. To cite just a few examples, let us say this "keen kid" spies a powder blue Cadillac. He will immediately exclaim, "Man! Dig that cool Caddy!" If you ever happen to lose your temper with the 1954 teen-ager, and you are optimistic enough to believe you can reprimand him, he may fling the retort, "Don't get all shook up, Dad. I just dug it wrong."

Although this is an extremely juvenile way to express oneself, the modern teen-ager certainly has distinguished himself from the other age groups. Let us all hope, though, that his clowning around does not lead him to disastrous results in college English. Let us hope that someday soon the sun will set upon this student's inadequate way of expressing himself, and that the future will dawn with a tomorrow of practical English.



"When I grow up, I'm going to be a juvenile delinquent"

## Exchange Echoes

When grandma had her callers  
They met with timid heart  
And when they sat together  
They sat this———far apart.  
But when granddaughter's boyfriend calls  
He greets her with a kiss  
And when they sit together  
They sit realcloselikethis.  
—The Imprint, Melrose, Massachusetts

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A slogan for new drivers might be—A Life:  
"Never too young to lose  
Never too old to use"  
—Washington-Lee High School  
Arlington, Virginia

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Also for new and soon-to-be drivers are these daffynitions of car parts—  
Clutch—gadget on floor used for stalling  
Signal lights—used to wink at friends  
Accelerator—excellent in keeping time with the radio  
Head-lights—pididle  
Speedometer—use unknown  
—The Green Witch  
Saugus, Massachusetts

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The Green Witch also has some dating customs from other lands—

Norwegian girls offer to pay for at least half their date (don't get any ideas, Boys)

In Southern Italy dates are in the afternoon only and the couples are always accompanied by a chaperon, even after they're engaged (aren't you glad we live in America?)

A German boy never takes a girl to the movies on their first date as that means that he doesn't have any other means of entertaining her (do they sit home and watch television?)

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I had a wooden whistle,  
And it wooden whistle;  
I got a steel whistle,  
And it steel wooden whistle;  
I got a tin whistle,  
And now I tin whistle.

—The Explorer, Hudson, Ohio



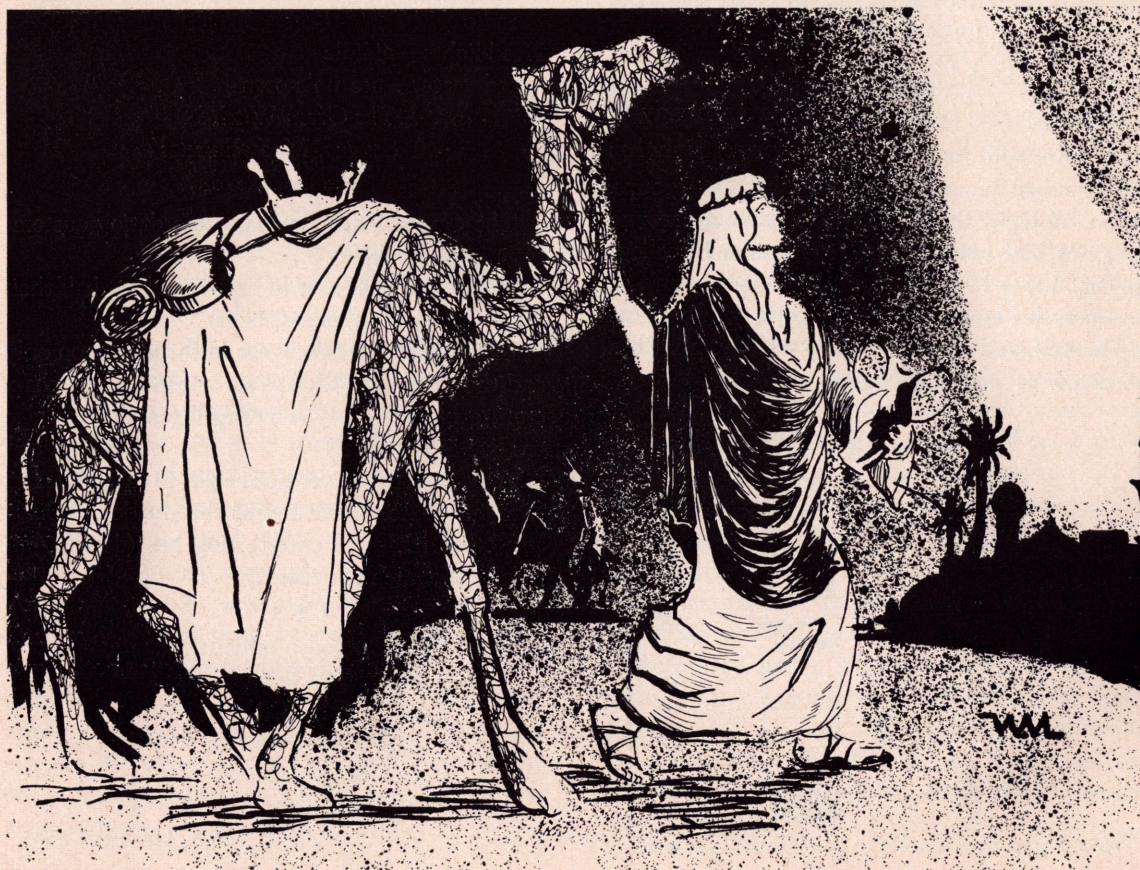
## FOR HIM

By Sara Milne, '55

If Jesus were born this night on earth,  
 Would you travel far to honor his birth?  
 Could you give up your work and pleasures  
 And like the Wise Men carry your treasures,  
 Guided only by a bright star's ray  
 To a little Babe, asleep in the hay?

And if you did, what would you bring?  
 What gift of yours would befit a king?  
 You don't have incense, gold or myrrh;  
 Of all your possessions what would He prefer?  
 Certainly not your car or clothes  
 Or the house you live in, not any of those.  
 For these are not what He will need  
 In building His kingdom of every creed.

I think He wishes a clean, pure soul  
 And all your devotion toward His goal—  
 To help someone along the way,  
 To teach a child the way to pray—  
 To do whatever work you can  
 To bring God's kingdom here to man.



## CLASSROOM PRAYER

Anonymous

Now I lay me down to sleep;  
 The lecture's dull, the subject deep.  
 It teacher quits before I wake  
 Give me a poke, for goodness' sake.

## SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS

By Joanna Camerlengo, '55

Much is done and much forgot  
 Every Christmastide,  
 Ringing bells cannot compel  
 Real grief to hide.  
 Yet in spite of that—

Christmas time holds fun and joy,  
 Homes are bright with cheer;  
 Rushing people fill the stores,  
 Ice and snow are here.  
 Santa Claus has come to town,  
 Trees are hung with lights;  
 Many gifts are quickly wrapped  
 And concealed from  
 Sight.

## THE BELL

By Sonia Kronick, '55

I've often heard the beating of a stick upon a drum;  
 I've often heard the snapping of a piece of chewing  
 gum.  
 I've often heard the contact of a bat upon a ball;  
 I've often heard the marching band play music  
 known to all.

I've often heard a jet plane through the peaceful  
 blue sky roar;  
 I've often heard the gentle waves lap on the sandy  
 shore,  
 But often still I've heard that sound I always shall  
 recall,  
 The 8:45 bell, sharp and clear, while I'm still in  
 the hall.

## STORMS AND LIFE

By Sara Milne '55

Against the window beats the rain—  
 Large, wet drops roll down the pane,  
 The wind, in spasms, whistles loud  
 Then suddenly quiets, spent and bowed.  
 For we inside the house, this storm  
 Makes us feel oddly safe and warm.  
 We have no fear of getting wet  
 Or cold; in fact, we're really set.

For I am curled up with a book  
 And you are practicing as cook,  
 Roasting marshmallows before the fire.  
 Isn't that all one could desire?  
 But there are always some outside,  
 Thrown by the wind, tossed by the tide.  
 It's they who need the guiding light  
 Of the hearthside fire to set them right.

## A STUDENT'S PRAYER

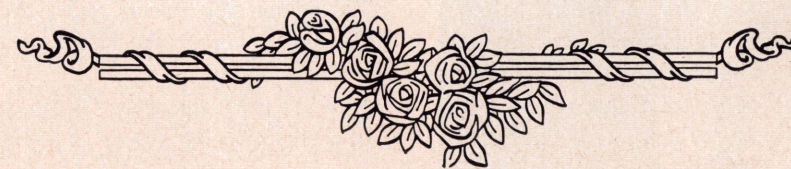
By Barbara Van Bramer, '56

Help me to find during vacation's fun,  
 The time to get my Latin done.  
 Let Santa place beneath the tree,  
 Vergil's Aeneid, translated for me.

Keep me from the holiday ball,  
 Skiing, sliding, skating and all,  
 Unscramble the mysteries of x and y.  
 (There are fifteen problems I've yet to try).

Help me to think of the essay that's due,  
 As I gaze outdoors at the beautiful view.  
 May I be content to study and learn,  
 And for parties and dances let me not yearn.

When the vacation has finally passed,  
 And all my homework is done, (at last!)  
 May teachers check my work with a smile,  
 To make all that studying worth the while.





# OUR BERKSHIRES

By Gay Skogsberg, '55

LET'S take today an excursion through Berkshire County, at which time we shall visit, as thousands of tourists do each year, three cultural points of interest.

But wait! Did you ever stop to think of the site upon which our school was built? Years ago Henry W. Longfellow lived in a mansion which sat on the very site that our school now occupies. It was a house with a great staircase and a tall clock on the landing, made famous by Longfellow's poem, "The Old Clock on the Stairs."

But on with our trip. We find ourselves standing in front of a trim farmhouse on the northern shore of Stockbridge Bowl. This very authentic, but not original, home of Hawthorne was called, in spite of its neatness, "The Red Shanty." Although Hawthorne claimed he was frightened by the scenic mountains, and was unable to write in the surroundings, he chose for his studio a small bedroom which faced the lake and Monument Mountain. There he wrote, "The House of the Seven Gables." He would never accept the Berkshires as his home, however, and once said, "I hate the Berkshires with my whole soul and would joyfully see its mountains laid flat."

Although many people visit the home of Hawthorne, they come primarily to the Symphonic Festival at Tanglewood, so let's cross the street and join them in an evening of great music.

The air is crystal clear, a thousand stars twinkle above, and a full moon provides ample light.

We make our way to our seats through the vast crowd, chattering in every language and dressed in every style of clothing. Upon the stage we see one hundred men and women tuning their instruments. As Conductor Charles Munch, successor of Serge Koussevitsky, enters, the noise of the festive occasion changes to applause. As he lifts his baton, a feeling of tenseness and anxiety permeates the audience. If you are not with me for the next two hours it will be because you, like thousands of other people, are carried away by the music. The concert

ends with applause and bravos from the excited audience, and as we leave we gather from bits of conversation that we have been a part of one of the most inspirational and cultural performances in the Berkshires.

Across the Berkshires, over in Hancock, we view a contrasting scene. We shall visit the Shaker Village. We find but few survivors of the once prosperous Shaker family remaining today. A picturesque feature of the village is a circular stone barn, the upper floor of which is so large that ten wagons may be driven around in it at one time. Now and then we may see a Shaker woman, dressed in a sober dress, a bonnet, and a cape. The priceless antiques which many people in this area possess will, when the sect completely disappears, remind us of the simple, austere, and disciplined lives these people live.

And so we have come to the end of today's excursion. We have only scratched the surface of our county culture. There is much more, if you will only look for it.

## FROZEN RHYTHM

By Joanna Elaine Camerlengo, '55

Solidly the ground was frozen, and the earth and trees were bare,

When I saw a fleecy snowflake dancing through the winter air.

With some mystic whirling motions, it descended to the earth,

But because of its strange magic now the air had given birth

To a million tiny dancers, each attired in filmy white, Come to cover up the bleakness and enhance the lonely night.

As if at a given signal they began to dance and sway In the captivating beauty of a winter night ballet.

# MEET THE FACULTY

## CATHERINE M. CURRAN

Librarian . . . Born in Pittsfield . . . Received B.A. degree from Hunter College, N. Y., and library degree from Columbia University, N. Y. Also attended St. John's University in Brooklyn, N. Y. . . . Enjoys reading, walking, swimming and movies . . . Interested in American history, American poetry, and handicrafts . . . Before coming to P.H.S. she worked at Hunter College Library; Newton High School Library, New York City; The William Stanley Library of the G.E.; Chicopee High School Library. . . . Comment—"I have a very favorable first impression of a fine faculty and student body at P.H.S."



## EDWARD J. McKENNA

Teaches English . . . Counselor . . . Born in Pittsfield . . . Graduated from St. Joseph's High School . . . Obtained his A.B. from Holy Cross and his Master's in Education at Harvard . . . Taught at Plunkett Junior High before coming to P.H.S. . . . Is married and has two children, Jackie, 8 and Helen Marie, 4 . . . His favorite sport is baseball . . . Enjoys crossword puzzles . . . Active in the American Legion as the present Commander.



## ASEL W. HARVEY

Born in Austerlitz, New York . . . Attended public schools in Pittsfield . . . Graduated from G.E. Apprentice Course and the Teachers Training Course at Fitchburg Teachers' College . . . Teaches drafting presently at P.H.S. . . . Coordinator on Vocational Cooperative program for seniors . . . Junior guidance counselor for vocational boys . . . Enjoys all kinds of foods, especially fish and clams . . . Favorite sport is golf and favorite hobby, wood-working.





# WHO'S WHO



**SARAH MILNE**

Senior . . . Poetry editor of STUDENT'S PEN . . . Co-chairman of yearbook's class section . . . President of Phi-Hi-Y . . . Piano accompanist for Girls' Glee Club . . . Favorites include sailing, pot roast, and strawberry shortcake . . . Pet peeve: weekends are too short . . . Future ambition is to travel in every country of the world . . . Comment: "I wonder what it would feel like to be a teacher instead of a student."



**JOHN NAVIN**

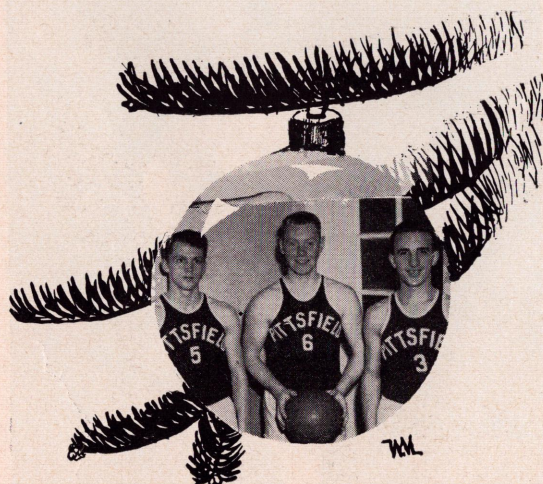
Senior . . . Co-captain of basketball team . . . President of Student Council . . . President of Junior Class last year . . . Favorites: basketball, steak and "weekends." . . . Expression: "Pass that ball, Chapman." . . . Pet peeve: Officials who call fouls.

**JOHN GENZABELLA**

Senior . . . Co-captain of basketball team . . . Favorites: almost anything edible, especially Italian foods, and the expression, "Dig those Yankees."

**DICK CHAPMAN**

Senior . . . Co-captain of basketball team . . . Favorites: steak and the expression: "Well, I'll be dipped" . . . Pet peeve: the nickname "Chappie" . . . Comment for all: We think this year's team will be just as good as last year's and that we'll go to Springfield."



**PETE HELLIWELL**

Senior . . . Senior Class Council . . . Ski team . . . Boy's Sports, yearbook committee . . . Phi-Hi-Y . . . Berkshire Hills Tri-Hi-Y and Phi-Hi-Y Conference . . . Activities Committee of the yearbook . . . Favorites: skiing and water skiing, Yankees, Giants, lobster, French fries, and physics . . . Pet peeve: trigonometry tests . . . Comment on senior year: "It gets better as it goes along." . . . Future plans: hopes to go to the University of Massachusetts.

# WHO'S WHO

**JACK GARRITY**

Senior Class president . . . President of the Motion Picture Club . . . Plays in P.H.S. Band . . . Active in STUDENT'S PEN . . . Member of Gym team . . . Choralettes . . . Leaders' Class and of Students' Booster Committee . . . Junior home room representative . . . Pastimes: eating, sleeping, swimming, and wimmin! . . . Pet peeve: people with an indifferent attitude toward teenagers . . . Future plans: medical or professional college . . . Favorites: food, two-inch steak; team, Pirates . . . Expression, "My Friend!" . . . Ambition: "To find peace and happiness."



**ELAINE NIARCHOS**

Senior . . . Cheerleader . . . Member of Booster Committee . . . Zeta-Tri-Hi-Y . . . Ticket committee for Junior Prom . . . Junior Good Will Committee . . . Home Room treasurer . . . Advertising Staff of STUDENT'S PEN . . . Likes: Nat King Cole . . . Future plans: to attend Forsythe School . . . Comment: "Sure hope that basketball team goes all the way this year."

**JEAN POTASK**

Senior . . . Co-chairman of Christmas decorations . . . Active in girls' sports . . . Likes all food, especially spaghetti . . . An ardent baseball fan of the Red Sox . . . Pet peeve: girls on a diet . . . Has no definite future plans.

**RICHARD MARSTERS**

Senior . . . Co-chairman of Christmas Decorations . . . Co-chairman of Junior Prom ticket committee . . . Junior Class home room treasurer . . . A member of last year's baseball team . . . Enjoys all sports . . . Favorite food is spaghetti and meat balls . . . Future plans include joining the Air Force . . . Pet peeve: wise guys.





# SCHOOL NOTES

ELEANOR APTACY, FRANCES BIENICK, JUDY BARLOW, MARTHA COX, SUE CONNORS, DOT CLARK, BONNIE CLARK, BEATRICE COWELL, MARJORIE DUNN, SHEILA DOYLE, PAT FRANK, ELEANOR FARRELL, MARGO GAUL, PAT GILLISPIE, CYNTHIA JASON, BARBARA MCCARTHY, MARILYN MARKS, CONNIE NEFORES, PAT TURNER, KAREN TIERNEY, SUE WISLEK, PAT WHALEN, MARJORIE WILSON, EILEEN WILLNER, SUE WILBUR.

## SENIOR CLASS NOTES

The Senior Class play committee has been named, with Ingrid Amatus and Stephen Cohen as chairmen. The other members are Harry Hamilton, Phil Pomerantz, Robert Pierce, Peter Genovese, John Powell, Anthony Panazzo, Beatrice Evans, Elizabeth Ricci, Patricia McCollum, Carole Martin, Carol Kidney, and Coralie Gilmore.

The play will be under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Enright.

## A CHRISTMAS LIST

With the anticipation of the coming Yuletide holidays, it is inevitable that we should hear some remarks from those individuals who are looking forward to December 25. When asked what they wanted for Christmas, these seniors said—

DARYL MESSER—Liberace's Candelabra

STEPHANIE WOJTKOWSKI—A book entitled "How to Become the First Woman President."

SANDRA ZORBO—A brand new Jaguar

PATRICIA FRANK—A hippopotamus—naturally!

CAROLYN CASSIDY—A great big package filled with—Eddie Fisher

SARA VARANKA—An autographed picture of Francis, the talking mule.

## S.A.S. ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, November 16, Mr. William Haaker, a concert pianist, came to P.H.S. to entertain us with his music. Mr. Haaker played everything from "Beethoven" to "boogie." Formerly with a symphony orchestra, his knowledge of music ran the gamut, and his concert was thoroughly enjoyed.

## MUSICAL NOTES

The Music Department has made known its plans for this year's Christmas program. It will consist of selections by the high school orchestra, combined Girls' Glee clubs, and two brass ensembles. A number of the Choralettes will do an excerpt from an authentic Christmas mystery. Two or three vocalists will be featured, and there will also be mass singing by the entire student body.

Eight Pittsfield High School students have auditioned for the All-State band, orchestra, and chorus. From advanced reports, it appears evident that many of the eight will be accepted. The chorus committee has already informed us that Sue Tucker and Carol Sykes have been chosen to sing with the All-State Chorus in Boston on February 24, 25, and 26.

## NEW CHEERLEADERS

The Junior Varsity cheerleaders, as announced by Miss Loretta Guiltinan, are Marilyn Marks, Betsey McCormick, Marilyn Chapman, Fran O'Hearn, Joan Evans, Jane Pagery, Carolyn Hyde, Betsey Graves, and Nancy Shea. Congratulations, girls!

## RADIO CLUB

At the last meeting of the P.H.S. Radio Club, their instructor, Art Needham, gave a technical talk on receivers, Ohms Law, and its application. The members of the club are currently working on different projects, such as repairing radios and studying for ham licenses.



P. H. S. BAND MARCHES AT P. H. S.—ST. JOSEPH'S GAME

## FINAL RALLY

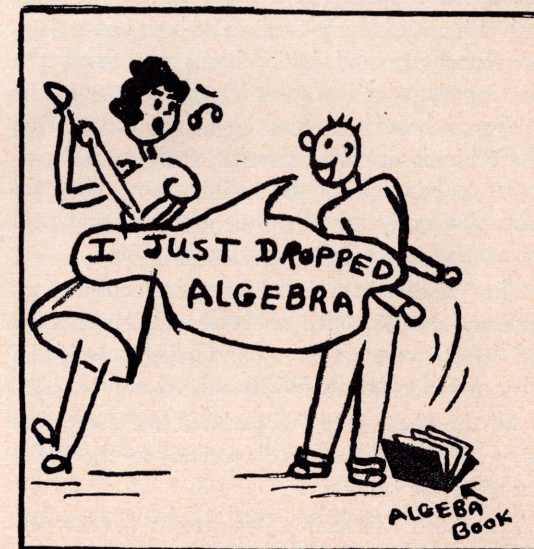
Of all the rallies of the school year the most exuberant, the peppiest, and the liveliest is always the rally before the Pittsfield-St. Joe football game. This year was no exception.

Led by the cheerleaders, who did a commendable job, the whole auditorium resounded in cheers and songs. Al Litano was in charge of the program. A short speech was given by Chris Gilson, who because of illness had not been able to take charge of the previous program. Other speeches were made by Mr. Strout, who stressed the importance of the proper kind of spirit and rivalry; Coach Fox, who mentioned the former students from all over the United States who had written him wishing the team the best of luck; Captain Herbie Evans, who praised the spirit of his team.

As an added attraction Alan Clayson played the piano, accompanied by Joe Di Nicola on drums in a Dixieland number.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council has chosen officers for this year. They are Jack Navin, president; Alan Clayson, vice president; Marilyn Chapman, secretary; and Pat Taglieri, assistant secretary. The Council performed its first service of the year by helping with the Educational Week Program.





## TECHNICAL NEWS

Bob Fuller reports that the junior Tech boys heard a talk by Dave Dapson, a '53 graduate of P.H.S., on General Motors' Institute, which he has been attending since graduation. In electrical drafting they have been studying the electrical system of automobiles under the firm hand of Mr. "Alpha Beta" Phinney.

One of the most popular activities among the Tech students is the bowling league. After a year of inactivity, it was revived under the leadership of Bill Pulaski; the boys are having a terrific time. The team that is presently leading in the race for the trophy—to be given at a banquet at the end of the year—is the Volts, who consist of: Captain Bill Pulaski, Fred Rohlf, Phil Pryde, Bob Rohlf and Frank Pulaski. The high single was bowled by Tom Featherston with a 120. Dick Londergan holds the high total and high average with 319 and 98 respectively. The other teams are the Amps, captained by Tom Featherston; the Ohms, captained by Paul Whitney; and the Watts, led by Dick Londergan. Any Technical student, good or bad bowler, who wishes to participate in the league and have a good time, is welcome.

## VOCATIONAL SCHOOL NOTES

The Vocational Department is rolling right along in second gear waiting to swing into high as we approach the beginning of a new year. Right along with this comes report cards. The boys and girls in the elementary and junior highs can thank the Printing Shop for the swell job it has done in the making of these cards. Paul Neff, John Rocca, Don MacWhinnie and Jim Broderick are the ones in particular to be cited for this achievement. They are also doing many miscellaneous jobs for the school department in the Print Shop at this time.

The Welders have just been given achievement tests, and the completed welds were closely checked and defects were noted. John Greychak welded a drive shaft for Donald Whitman's tractor.

All the Sheet Metal boys have just completed fixing all the ash cans and receivers in the boiler rooms for the janitors.

The Auto Mechanics Department is now preparing all the school department's vehicles for winter inspections and for all-round good safety. They took the mowers off and put snow plows on the tractors.

Mr. Hickey's car was equipped with new king pins and bushings by John Bigelow, John Donylon, and Paul Hedler. Mr. McKenna's car had a new horn, anti-freeze and new hoses put in by Charles Clemons, Ralph Clemons, and Billy Ciepiella. Mr. Blais's car had a new clutch put in by George Frechetto and Pat Jaques. Mr. Morrison had king pins put in by Fran Frattier, Robert Maxwell and Steve Violet. These boys, along with Tony Selvazzo, put new springs in Mr. Greene's car. All in all these boys are helping to make Pittsfield's roads safer roads.

Cabinet Making just completed two tea wagons for North and South Jr. Highs, two shelves for our own library, some book cases for Pomeroy, and a table for Dawes School. Al Litano did a wall cabinet and Bill Boos and Mike Surowicz helped. Leighton Hern has done two stands for Pomeroy.

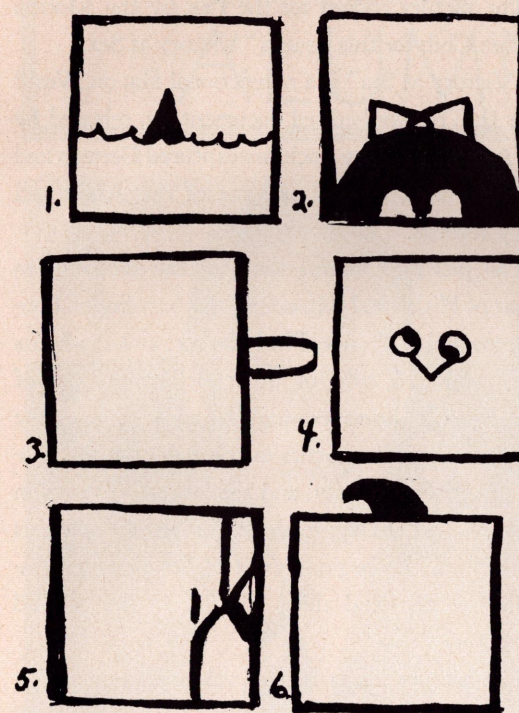
In the Drafting Department Charlie Provenzano has just completed a drawing of a folding car transporting rack for moving chairs from one place to another, and supports for a volley ball net. Peter "Inkie" Knysh has been working hard inking a draft angle chart. The ever hardworking juniors are presently finishing up their drawings on Sheet Metal Development, and Victor Stanard is already doing his third year Isometric cross-section drawings and should be completing them any day now.

Don DeFino, a fast-moving and faultless draftsman, drew a detail of a machinist's vise for the Machine Shop. Fred Delamarter and Dan Hamilton worked hand in hand, unceasingly and tirelessly, on a drawing of a wall anchor expander used for fastening a bolt solidly to a piece of masonry or cement. These seniors are hoping that sometime, in the very near future, they will at last gaze upon the last plate on drawing the intricate and tolerant cams. Just recently the Drafting Department received new folders for their drawings.

As Christmas rolls around, a drive is being started to get members of the Vocational School to join the STUDENT'S PEN Club to push through the features of the Vocational School and its faculty.

To close our Christmas issue of THE PEN, the Vocational School, Mr. Moran, Mr. Dehey, the faculty, students, and yours truly, the co-editors of the Vocational School Notes, Danny Butrymowicz and Fred Delamarter, extend a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

## DREODLES



(Answers on page 20)

## HI-Y—TRI-HI-Y ACTIVITIES

ALPHA started out this school year by inducting new members. The club had a social with Hi-Y on October 19. Bev Nicholls was co-chairman of the Pumpkin Patter, which the club co-sponsored. A Thanksgiving basket was assembled and sent to a needy family.

BETA co-sponsored the first of the Hi-Y—Tri-Hi-Y dances for this school year—the Pumpkin Patter, which was held at the Jewish Center, October 23. Pat Frank was the co-chairman of this dance. The club made plans for a Thanksgiving basket which was sent to a needy family.

After inductions had been held, GAMMA planned a Halloween party. They are now making arrangements for a Christmas party at the Crippled Children's home. The club hopes to have Miss Bessie Eagan as a speaker in the future.

The successful Victory Dance was co-sponsored by DELTA on Armistice Day. Marcia Lipsey was the chairman of the dance. The girls ordered some beautiful jewelry from a speaker who was presented at the club November 17.

A very enjoyable time was had by the members of SIGMA on October 22, when they held a district salvage drive on Dalton Avenue. Geri Bramer was chairman of the project, and her father donated his time and the use of his truck to help the club. The girls gave a Halloween party for the crippled children October 27. Two interesting speakers spoke to the club on different occasions. Barb Kernahan was the chairman of the Thanksgiving basket project.

Sandy Zorbo's club, ZETA, had a lot of fun on a scavenger hunt. The club also made a Thanksgiving basket which was sent to a needy family. The girls are planning some speakers in the future.

The co-ed club of PHI-HI-Y shellacked chairs at the Christian Center one night. They also had a movie on the uses of water, and a discussion followed.

HI-Y was the club that co-sponsored the Victory Dance with Delta. Johnny Lucek's orchestra provided the music. Bob Quadrozzi was the chairman of the dance. At other meetings the club heard an interesting talk by Coach Fox, and also had a social with Alpha.

TORCH, under the leadership of Ross Weatherwax, inducted new members. Mr. Herrick, the advisor, spoke to the boys. The club had a debate on whether or not a boy should go into college before starting his military training, or after completing his military obligation. The club has had a movie on the Y.M.C.A. also. The boys in the club decorated the Masonic Temple for the Halloween Dance. A swimming party was held at the Y November 15.

The Hi-Y—Tri-Hi-Y cabinet decided to discontinue the Oasis dances on Saturday nights because there was not enough interest. Three representatives from Pittsfield attended the two state Hi-Y—Tri-Hi-Y conference in Hanover, Mass. They were Judy Barlow, Libby Feldman, and Bob Dallmeyer. There was a Berkshire Hills conference held at the Y.M.C.A. October 24, when representatives from other Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs from Berkshire County assembled to compare notes and problems. Officers were elected at this meeting to preside over other Berkshire Hills conferences.

Mr. Massimiano's fifth period algebra class wishes to pin a medal on Roger Canzano for his heroic capturing of a tiny gray mouse. To the class's disappointment fearless Roger deposited it outside the window. If anyone finds Mr. Massimiano's mouse, bring it to Room 103.



## ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

In a survey of what our faculty members would like to find in their stockings on Christmas, these were the results:

Miss "Mac"—a little package full of ideas for the Gym Exhibition of '55

MR. STROUT—a season pass for Mt. Masfield Ski Area.

MR. MORAN—the serenity to stand the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

Miss JORDAN—peace in the world.

Miss BULGER—a check with which to buy a nice, new "Chevy."

MR. CAREY—a class that will hear the directions the first time I give them.

Miss PFEIFFER—a deed for a home in the country.

MR. SHIELDS—a few tickets to Paris for the holidays—if I can bring my dog along, too.

Miss BEAHAN—good flying weather for my trip South.

DR. BLACK—an escalator to the third floor

Miss DAVISON—a set of "A" classes.

MR. PRUYNE—a new set of Ben Hogan woods, along with a couple dozen assorted birdies and eagles to be used when most needed next golf season.

MR. WAYNE—several centuries of world peace and happiness.

MR. HERRICK—about \$2000. to help finance the Senior Class yearbook.

Miss PREDIGER—a class of sophomores eager to study U. S. History and Geography.

Miss HODGES—a ticket to a good play.

Miss MILLET—How about a winter vacation on the Riviera?

MR. McKENNA—a new idea for the teacher's Christmas Party.

MR. EDWARDS—a Cadillac.

Miss COFFEY—a mink coat.

MR. LEAHY—A plumber's license.

MR. MASSIMIANO—the long sought formula on how to make roses out of tomatoes—outside the chem. lab.

Miss GUILTINAN—

I'd like to find the method  
To make Sophs and Juniors sit  
Enthralled, enthused, enraptured  
As they "dig that crazy lit."

## "VICTORY AT SEA"

The picture chosen for the PEN by the Motion Picture Club for this issue is "Victory at Sea."

"Victory at Sea" is a non-fictional film on World War II. This well-edited documentary, released by the Army and Navy, includes captured German and Japanese films, as well as some of the Army and Navy records.

The picture contains shots of the meetings in Rome of Hitler and Mussolini, the burning of London, the fall of France, Pearl Harbor, and the fights at Guadalcanal, and of other deliberate acts of aggression. It shows seemingly fantastic scenes of the German submarine battles in the Atlantic, the rubble and graves in Italy, and the largest invasion in history called D-Day; in short, the picture contains scenes from the beginnings of Hitler plots and invasions to the final allied triumph in Europe and Pacific.

The picture keeps human values uppermost. It leaves you with the feeling that such destruction must be prevented.

Everyone connected with bringing this picture to the people is deserving of high praise. The script is by Henry Salomon and Richard Hauser and the narration by Alexander Scourby. Richard Rodgers wrote the musical score: "No Other Love" (later made into a love song for the Broadway musical, "Me and Juliet") seems a strange background for sea fighting, but the picture as a whole is a documentary that will appeal to anyone who enjoys war pictures.

See it at your local theatre now.

## EDUCATION WEEK

As usual, Education Week was a great success this year. A play written by Joanna Camerlengo, '55, *Sines of the Times* was presented for the parents by the Mathematics Department. The Student Council members ushered for the play.

Parents were given an opportunity to meet the teachers at the close of school.

In Mr. Leahy's 4th period chemistry class—Mr. Leahy: What is the nature of the reaction of a mixture of hydrogen and oxygen?  
Peggy MacCarthy: Sh-Boom!

## ALUMNI NOTES



MR. MERRILL R. TABOR

"THE greater the number of problems, the more opportunities there are for people," says Merrill R. Tabor, vice-president and secretary of the Berkshire Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Tabor, a 1927 graduate of Pittsfield High School, has worked for Berkshire Life for twenty-seven years. He started as a mail clerk and served successively in the Policy Loan Department, the Pittsfield Agency, the Accounting Department and as personnel director. In June of this year he was elected vice-president.

In Pittsfield High School, Mr. Tabor established quite a record for himself. He was president of his class for three years, on the track team, sports editor of THE PEN. "I just got involved in all sorts of things," added Mr. Tabor. "In those days they had men cheerleaders and I was one."

After high school he went immediately to work at the Berkshire Life.

"I don't believe that a job can be done well unless it is carried on beyond office hours," stated Mr. Tabor. "This is why I can't take active part in many community projects, but I do support them all I can. I feel that it is very important that the people support the community drives."

Some of the activities he has taken part in include membership on the board of the Y.M.C.A., The Girl's Club, and the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Tabor's hobbies include a little golfing and some dabbling with water colors. He enjoys all sports and is a Red Sox fan. "I have been interested in the Red Sox, but I have also been disappointed in them," remarked Mr. Tabor.

Although he is not a musician he enjoys listening to all types of good music. "I even enjoyed the P.H.S. Dance Band concerts last year," he said with a smile. "I guess I should have, shouldn't I?"

Mr. Tabor's son, Gary, is familiar to many of you as the leader of the P.H.S. Dance Band. Gary graduated from Pittsfield High School last year and is now attending Mount Hermon School as a post-graduate. Mrs. Tabor is also a graduate of Pittsfield High School. You can see that the Tabor family represents P.H.S. very well.

## 1954 GRADUATES AT COLLEGE

MARILYN DEIGNAN—Our Lady of the Elms

BILL SMITH—Dartmouth

DON KESSLER—Syracuse University

WALT WHITMAN—Cornell

LOIS BATES—Cornell

PAT LOACH—Oberlin

MARY LOU ANDERSON—Green Mountain Jr. College

JAMES DOYLE—Tufts College

JOS. SPADAFORA—University of Massachusetts

CHARLES ENRIGHT—Holy Cross College

CRAIG VIALE—M. I. T.

LAWRENCE HERZIG—Williston Academy

JAMES DITELLO—Worcester Academy

GARY TABOR—Mount Vernon Preparatory School

PAUL SUTHERLAND—Lowell Tech

HARRY FISKE—Tufts College

DANIEL PETRUZZELLA—University of Massachusetts

DAVID CULLEN—University of Massachusetts

WILLIAM BARSTOW—University of Bridgeport

JANE LUNDBERG—University of Massachusetts

SANDRA SABLE—University of Massachusetts

KATHY MAGUIRE—University of Massachusetts



MARY BOLOTIN—George Washington University  
MARGARET PHAIR—Becket Jr. College  
BOBBY ROSE—General Motors Tech.  
CAROL DRENNAN—Berkshire Business School  
NANCY MCBRIDE—Regis College  
CAROL BAILEY—Gordon College  
JUNE DUNHAM—University of Massachusetts  
NANCY LIZOTTE—Antioch College  
KATHARINE MACCARTHY—Antioch College  
CAROLE MACK—Russell Sage  
SANDRA PLANK—University of Massachusetts  
LOIS RUBIN—Framingham State Teachers College  
PATRICIA SOMERVILLE—University of Massachusetts

DANIEL BORYTA—Saint Michael's  
TOM MORRICK—Holy Cross  
DAVE DALTON—Bentley School of Finance  
DOUGLAS MILLER—University of Massachusetts  
EDWARD SCAE—University of Massachusetts  
ALBERT BURTON—North Adams State Teachers  
College  
JOHN SHUTTLEWORTH—University of Massachu-  
setts  
JOSEPH WHITING—University of Massachusetts

## ALUMNI HONORS

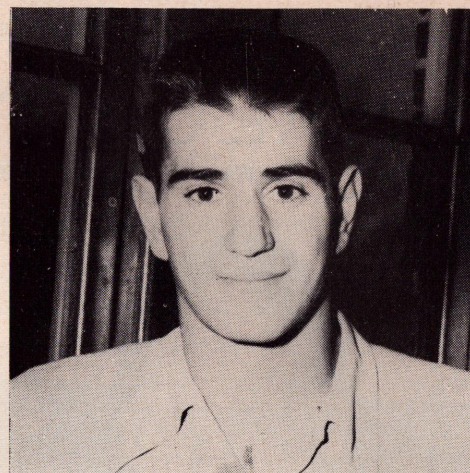
Four Pittsfield High graduates now attending Boston University played under the direction of Leopold Stokowski in Symphony Hall, Boston, on November 19, and at Carnegie Hall, New York, on November 21. Martin Connors, a junior, played the English horn and the oboe; Ronald Hebert, a sophomore, played the French horn; Grace Henderson, also a sophomore, played the flute; and Myron Schwager, a freshman, played the cello.

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Pittsfield High is proud of Ann Everest, a 1952 graduate, who has become the first woman student to be admitted to Boston University's College of Industrial Technology.

She attended the University of Massachusetts for a year, with a major in science, before switching to engineering. She went to Boston, became a statistician at the Jordan Marsh department store by day, and took special courses at M. I. T. by night before going to B. U.

Anne's brother, Wallace Jr., better known as "Wallie," is a senior at P. H. S. Mrs. Everest suspects that Wallie "sold Anne on this industrial technology stuff."



CHARLES GARIVALTIS

## ALUMNI IN SPORTS

Chuck Garivaltis, a popular athlete at P.H.S., who was president of the class of 1953, was also a member of the Student Council and of the Senior Class Council. Active in many other activities, he appeared in the Senior Class play and was a member of both the Junior goodwill and the Junior Prom committees. Although Chuck only played basketball in his sophomore year, for three years he stood out on the football team, and was captain of the baseball team in his senior year. Also during his senior year this class athlete won honorable mention for the All-American team as well as the All-Berkshire and All-Western Massachusetts teams in his junior and senior years. Aside from winning the George Childs Trophy, Chuck received a scholarship to Colgate, where he is now a sophomore making a great name for himself on the varsity football team. P.H.S. can well be proud of Chuck Garivaltis.

## ANSWERS (from page 17)

1. A witch drowning
2. A scrub lady
3. A trombone player in a telephone booth
4. An owl that needs glasses
5. A man with both hands full closing the refrigerator
6. Santa Claus coming down the chimney



PHS FOOTBALL TEAM

P.H.S. FOOTBALL TEAM

*First row:* J. Parker, M. Tully, J. Navin, E. Preznik, R. Reynolds, P. Gimini, Capt. H. Evans, A. Litano, E. Kettles, T. Dwyer, K. Cassidy, B. Storie, D. De Blieux.

*Second row:* J. Dallmeyer, J. Major, R. Fuller, B. Cancilla, B. Steiner, R. Canzano, C. Gilson, A. Pires, J. Seeley, A. Clayson, T. Casella, P. Biancho.

*Third row:* H. Reinhold, S. Bates, W. Wood, L. Lizotte, P. Pruyne, H. Storie, J. Sinico, F. Allesio, E. Plump, B. Kahn, P. Scalise, K. Breault.

*Fourth row:* B. Beaudin, E. Poulin, R. Stanton, R. Martin, R. Procopio, K. Gale, B. Thornton, K. Pruyne, J. Simonetta.

*Fifth row:* Coach Fox, W. Bouchane, Coach Di Cenzi, P. Venti, B. Lanson, P. Gamwell, Coach Hickey, L. Buffi, T. Dillard, P. Kelly, Mr. J. Metallo, Coach Bianchi.



# BOYS' SPORTS

PAT WHALEN, LARRY LEVINE, SUSAN CONNORS, ROBERT VINER, MARTHA COX, FRANK MURPHY, MAUREEN CONNORS,  
ROSS WEATHERWAX, ROBERT FULLER.

## FROM THE SIDELINES

P.H.S. ended a tough football season by losing to St. Joe, 13-0. The Purple and White gridmen remained "undefeated" even in defeat, although we had hopes that "the green apples would ripen." The boys played their best and the cheering section backed them to the final second of the game.

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Perhaps the humorous highlight of the P.H.S. vs. St. Joe football game was Tony Bonaquisti and Ralph Simonetta's intrusion into the St. Joe bleachers, waving a home made sign which read, "Yea P.H.S.—Beat St. Joe!" As soon as the St. Joe fans realized what was going on, a delegation of St. Joseph's High School girls went after Ralph and Tony, but the sign and the boys were unhurt.

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Congratulations to Al Litano and Chris Gilson and Bob Steiner for making the All Berkshire second team.

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Congratulations to Al Clayson and Roger Canzano, co-captains of next year's football team.

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As we go to press, the ski team and the hockey team are just getting organized. We wish both teams a successful season.

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The basketball season promises to be a good one for P.H.S. The probable starters will be Dick Chapman, John Genzabella, Jack Navin, Bob Quadrozzi, and Chris Gilson. It looks like another Berkshire County title for the Purple and White.

Pittsfield High should be proud of its fine band which, under the able supervision of Mr. Wayne, is one of the best bands in the state. The band is always ready to play for our enjoyment, at rallies, games, etc.; yet many students take the band for granted. At the next performance of the P.H.S. Band, let's show our appreciation to Mr. Wayne and his marchers.

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Charlie Hamilton, who fractured his hip during football practice early in the season, says that the nurses at St. Luke's Hospital are "tops," and the food is "O. K." We wish Charlie a speedy recovery and we hope he will be back at P.H.S. before Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

We feel that it is appropriate to give the captains of our various teams a Christmas present. Therefore, we present to:

HERBIE EVANS—A 1955 Chrysler convertible (to be used for the Senior Prom).

DON TERPAK—his driver's license.

HARRY HAMILTON—a 1955 season's pass to Tanglewood.

RICK LATIMER—the missing cupcake.

JOHN GENZABELLA—the leading role in the Senior Class play.

DICK CHAPMAN—carfare to Dalton every Saturday night.

GORDY CHADER—a pink shirt.

JOHN NAVIN—A Toni home-permanent set.

RALPH SIMONETTA—a free cap and gown for graduation.

MIKE TULLY—the 1955 editor of "Applied Mathematics."

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In closing, we of the Boys' Sports staff, wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



COACH FOX AND TEAM



THE SENIOR VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

Left to right: Daryl Messer, Patricia Frank, Eva Todd, Beverly Furey, Emily Golin, Sandra Zorbo, Lillian Calnan, Beatrice Evans, Kathryn Goerlach. Center front: Carolyn Cassidy. Also included on the team but absent from the picture are Stephanie Wojtkowski, and Sara Varanka.



# GIRLS' SPORTS

Editors—Susan Strong, Patricia Stanley, Elizabeth Gomes, Beverly Furey

## THE FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Although the seniors won the field hockey tournament this year, the sophomores and juniors deserve a lot of credit for doing their very best and giving the winning team some sturdy competition.

The sophomore varsity team consisted of the following girls:

Captain Adele Todd, Pauline DeVanna, Linda Frissell, Bernadette Rivers, Judy Donlevy, Sandra Boldyga, Phyllis Brockway, Ann Russ, Jean Radgowski, Nancy Edmonds, Mary Savery, Patricia Dellert.

The junior girls who made the varsity team are Co-Captains Martha Cox and Barbara Litchfield, Frances DeFazio, Patricia Stanley, Pauline Lisi, Doris Felton, Elizabeth Gomes, Marilyn Chapman.

## THE NEW DRILL TEAM

Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! Do we hear people marching? Yes, we certainly do, and if we care to inquire further about the matter, we will discover that the steady beat of rhythm is coming from the gym where the girls are trying out for the Drill Team. These girls practice every Friday afternoon under the supervision of Miss McNaughton. After several weeks of practice, the team will be composed of a group of 48 selected girls. These girls will be dressed in snappy uniforms and will perform at many activities. Their first performance will be at the Gym Exhibition on April 1st. They will perform at the Annual Music Festival which is going to be held in Chicopee this season. Next year, they are planning to march at the football games and, undoubtedly, they will increase the enthusiasm and school spirit of the whole student body. We are sure that this team will bring prestige and honor to Pittsfield High School.

## ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEW YEAR

The after-Christmas sports program that is offered this year to the girls is really tremendous. Many sports, such as skiing, skating, bowling, basketball, and swimming at the Boys' Club, will give every girl a chance to exhibit her individual talent in a particular sport.

## THE ACTION IN THE GYM CLASSES

Since square dancing is such a popular activity, the girls are now improving their styles in this sport by frequent practice in the gym classes. By the time they are finished, their promenading ought to be quite a sight to see.

For the past three weeks, the sophomores have been having an intra-class volleyball tournament. Each tenth grade gym class has four teams. This arrangement gives every girl a chance to enjoy this sport whether or not she tries out for the after-school tournaments. Last year, because of the increasing number of girls who tried out for volleyball, a new squad was formed—the VeeBee team. This year, again, we expect to see action from that team as well as the varsity and junior varsity groups.

## THE SMITH COLLEGE TRIP

On October 27, all junior and senior girls who played in the field hockey tournament and other girls who were also interested in this sport left Pittsfield at 1:30 P. M. on a trip to Smith College. Upon arrival at the college, they were directed to the athletic field where they saw a game between the Irish Ladies' Field Hockey team and the Hampden County team. The game was very exciting, ending with the Irish Ladies as victors by a score of 7 to 3 over their opponents. Excellent passing was displayed by the winners and good defensive work was shown by the losers. After the game, through the interest shown by Miss Parker, a graduate of Smith College, the girls were guests at the Davis Union, the college cafeteria.

## THE GYM EXHIBITION

Once again this year we will have a chance to witness and participate in the biennial gym exhibition. Those of us who are seniors will remember the splendid performance that was given by the combined Physical Education Departments two years ago. Let's try to make the coming performance on April 1st one which will be long remembered by the classes that succeed us at Pittsfield High.

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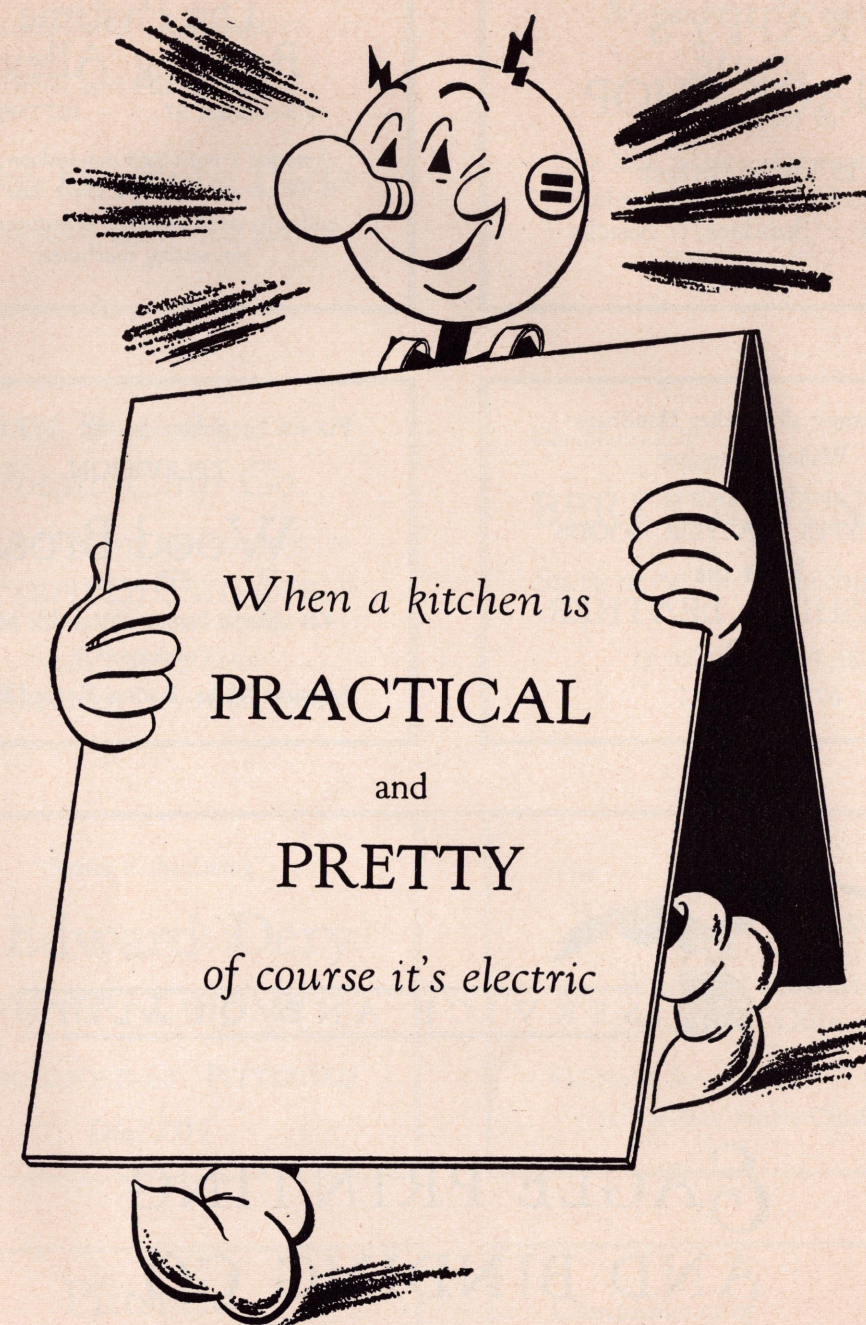


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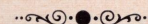
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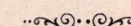


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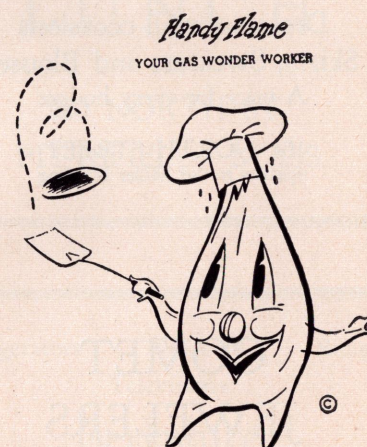
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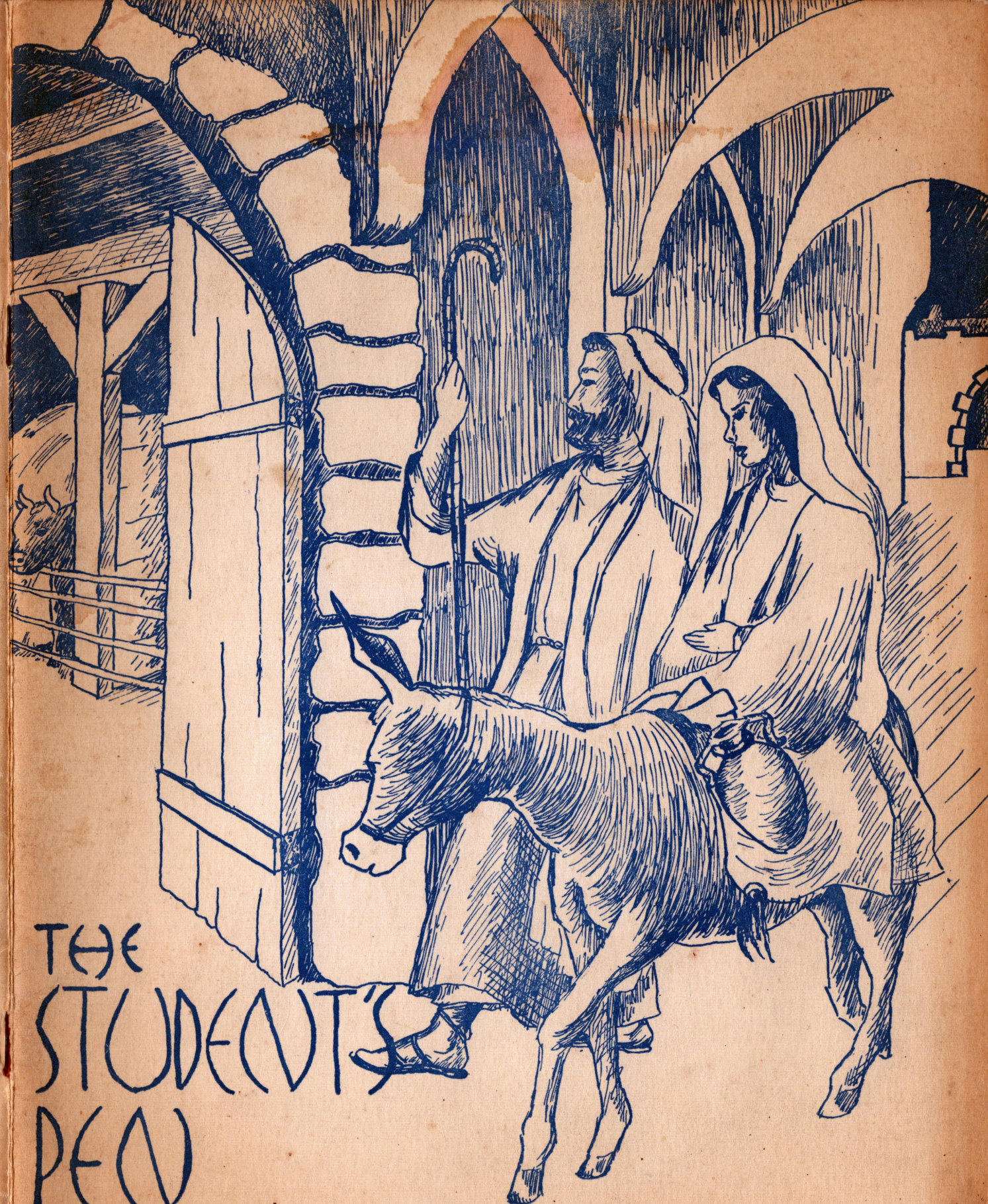
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